

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

COUNTY OF Washington

AFFIDAVIT OF
PROBABLE CAUSEDocket Number
(Issuing Authority):Police Incident
Number: 201-2019Warrant Control
Number:**PROBABLE CAUSE BELIEF IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Your affiant, Officer Glen Thomson, is a humane society police officer, holding a current appointment with the Commonwealth to act as a humane society officer for the prevention of cruelty to animals. As such, I am empowered to make arrests within the meaning of section 3708 of Chapter 37 of the Pennsylvania Statutes. I have been employed as a humane society police officer by the Washington Area Humane Society for three years. Every year I investigate more than 500 complaints of animal cruelty ranging from neglect to abuse and hoarding.

On August 26, 2019 at approximately 0811 hours I received a call from the chief of police in Jefferson TWP regarding an abandoned puppy. He informed me that the suspect involved was investigated previously for animal cruelty. He also provided contact information for the individual who found the puppy on the road.

On August 27, 2019 Chief Karch provided screenshots of the puppy both from the citizen who found the dog on the road as well as screenshots from the suspects facebook page saying "Meet our newest addition".

On August 28, 2019 The citizen who found the dog brought it to the humane society because it started getting sick. The puppy was tested and immediately rushed to PVSEC for treatment for parvo.

According to the suspects Facebook page she posted pictures of the puppy just one hour before it was found by the citizen. Those pictures have since been deleted from her page. There are now pictures of a new puppy and I have close to a dozen screenshots of several other puppies she has posted that can not be accounted for.

I am requesting a warrant to seize the one known puppy and any others that the suspect may have.

GARY H. HAVELKA
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
BURGETTSTOWN, WASHINGTON CO, PA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
FIRST MONDAY JANUARY 2024

I, THE AFFIANT, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Affiant Signature

Date

Issuing Authority Signature

COUNTY OF Washington

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Glen Thomson	Washington Area Humane Society	(724) 470-9711	09/04/19
AFFIANT NAME	AGENCY	PHONE NUMBER	DATE OF APPLICATION

Any and all animals alive, dead, and/or unborn.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES AND/OR PERSON TO BE SEARCHED (Street and No., Apt. No., Vehicle, Safe Deposit Box, etc.):

Grounds and any buildings at the property of 169 Eldersville Rd. Burgettstown, PA 15021 PARCEL NUMBER: 380-001-00-00-0034-00

NAME OF OWNER, OCCUPANT OR POSSESSOR OF SAID PREMISES TO BE SEARCHED (If proper name is unknown, give alias and/or description):

Owner: James Smith Occupant Michael and Kayla Rotellini

VIOLATION OF (Describe conduct or specify statute):

DATE(S) OF VIOLATION:

18:5532 Neglect of animal 18:5534 Aggravated cruelty to animal

08/25/19

☒ **Warrant Application Approved by District Attorney – DA File No.**
(If DA approval required per Pa.R.Crim.P. 202(A) with assigned File No. per Pa.R.Crim.P. 507)

☐ Additional Pages Attached (Other than Affidavit of Probable Cause)

☐ Probable Cause Affidavit(s) MUST be attached (unless sealed below) Total number of pages: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES IS SUM OF ALL APPLICATION, PROBABLE CAUSE AND CONTINUATION PAGES EVEN IF ANY OF THE PAGES ARE SEALED

The below named Affiant, being duly sworn (or affirmed) before the Issuing Authority according to law, deposes and says that there is probable cause to believe that the items or property identified are evidence or the fruit of a crime, or are contraband, or are expected to be otherwise unlawfully possessed or subject to seizure, and that these items or property are or are expected to be located on the particular persons listed in the particular place described above. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the United States Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Signature of Affiant _____ Washington Area Humane Society
Agency or Address if Private Affiant _____

Sworn to and subscribed before MARY H. HAVELKA SEP 10 1937 Mag. Dist. N

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
BLURGETTSTOWN, WASHINGTON CO., PA

Signature of Issuing Authority MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

SEARCH WARRANT
TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER:

WHEREAS, facts have been sworn to or affirmed before me by written affidavit(s) and upon the basis of which I have found probable cause, I do authorize you to search the premises or person of _____ and to seize, secure, inventory and make return according to the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

☒ This Warrant shall be served as soon as practicable and shall be served only between the hours of 6AM to 10PM but in no event later than _____.

☐ This Warrant shall be served as soon as practicable and may be served any time during the day or night but in no event later than: 12:00 P M, o'clock SEPT 6, 2019.

☐ This Warrant shall be returned to judicial officer

* The issuing authority should specify a date not later than two (2) days after issuance. Pa.R.Crim.P. 205(4).

and wishes to issue a nighttime warrant, then this block shall be checked. Pa.R.Crim.P. 206(7).

Issued under my hand this 4 day of SEPT. 2019 at 12:07 PM

_____ GARY I

MAGISTRE

27-3-07 BURGETT

Signature of Issuing Authority _____ Mag. Dist. or Judicial Dist. _____

Title of Issuing Authority ☐ Ministerial District Judge ☐ Common Pleas

Title of Issuing Authority: ☐ Magisterial District Judge ☐ Common Pleas Judge

I understand that in the Affidavit(s) the Social Workman Affirmation(s)

☐ For good cause stated in the affidavit(s) the Search Warrant Affidavit(s)

_____ days by my certification and signature. (Pa.R.Crim.P. 211)

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Signature of _____ Judge of the Court of Appeals _____ Place of Appellate Court _____

Signature of Issuing Authority (Judge of the Court of Common Pleas or Appellate Court Judge)